

### **Remarks**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the final Office Action mailed February 28, 2008. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 12-19, 22-24, 48, 52, 53, 55, and 58-60. The Applicant has also canceled claims 39-46. No new matter has been added.

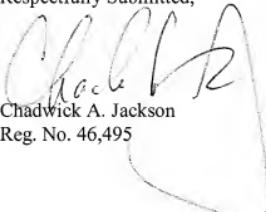
The applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview conducted on August 25, 2008. The independent claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the art of record. Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5322-002-US01)

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should

the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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